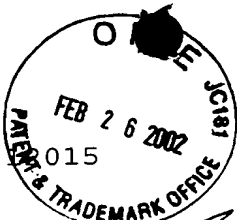


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Preliminary to the examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

The paragraph starting on page 12, line 1 and ending on page 12, line 11 now reads as:

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In the case of the switching element 6 adjacent alongside on the right, the current path is produced from top to bottom in exactly the reverse order: the second supply potential 12 at the load current connection element 10 - the lead 9 - the